

## NFSS BOD –4th QUARTER MEETING

December 14, 2015

PRESENT: Rebecca Mikel, Amber Kincheloe, Susan Stieve, Roland Cristo, Javier Perez, Michelle McKenzie, John Wilson, Sally Huntington, Lisa Murphy, Cheryl Burns, Sara Roberts, Bill Parlee, Sally Porter, Laura Bewley, Doug White, Cheryl Burns, Vince Moase, Kelsey Weyland.

RESIGNATIONS: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Doug Willis

Rebecca opens meeting

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **President – Rebecca Mikel**

**GENERAL ELECTION:** There were no positions running with opposition.

Changes include Sara Roberts replacing Lisa Murphy as treasurer, Doug Willis replacing John Wilson as 2nd VP, and Julie Lawson has resigned so we are without a Region 1 VP. To be discussed later in this meeting- finch shop.

NCBS: A fantastic event in St Charles (Chicago) at

Pheasant Run Resort - where event will be for the next two years also.

Special thanks to stewards Laurie Erwin and Ken Rampersaud, Vonda Zwick for helping out in many areas as well as photographing, Kristen Reeves for banquet decorating, and our judge, Clarence Culwell. We did not find time for a BOD meeting but had membership meeting. One concern raised by a member regarding the apparent inconsistencies from one NFSS judge to another regarding expectations for Zebra finches. Vince Moase discussed silhouette and the expectation that all judges would judge according to that. Awards given for year end points achievements, NARA, service, as well as Val Clear best softbill and Bill Parlee best finch.

This entire meeting will remain on the current forum regardless of the adjournment date. Once the meeting is concluded we will close it and open the 2016-17 forum. John Wilson will remain on the board as moderator.

#### **Band Dept. – Paula Hansen**

##### **Website update:**

- Sara Roberts profile posted and assigned email account - completed
- 2016 Aluminum Bands posted for pre-orders old website/pending new website-
- Ring Collector ad posted to FB group, old website and new website - pending PayPal activation
- Pending Finch Save any updates - Sally Porter
- Pending Award pricing any updates - Laura Bewley
- Pending Advertising pricing any updates - Kelsey Wayland
- Judges Panel webpage posted - Ken/Hiram Rampersaud (need phone #) and Ricardo Gaskin (need email)
- Ring Collector - New product ad sent to DropBox for Journal - completed
- Revised Band Order form sent to Dropbox - Journal - completed
- Revised Membership form sent to Dropbox - Journal - completed
- Siskin initiative (Update #4) posted old & new website and sent to Roy Beckham- Journal - completed
- New website Host 1 & 1.com (pending activation on 12/31/15)
- Close old website Host GKG.net (pending 12/31/15)

- 2014 awards posted after National meeting (pending 12/12/15)
- Removed John Wilson as 2nd VP on new website - completed
- Doug Willis 2nd VP - assigned NFSS email - completed
- Doug Willis profile done on Leadership webpage (need photo)
- Removed Laura Lawson from Leadership page - posted vacancy for Region 1 VP - completed
- Removed Lisa Murphy from Leadership webpage (new website) - completed
- Legislative Liaison - Pending recruitment for a volunteer
- NFSS Decals - posted on both websites for Finch Shop - completed
- Julie Logan assisting with new website
- New PayPal accounts (3) listed as non-profit - completed
- International shipping charges now in effect for PayPal accounts - completed
- Close old Band and Finch Shop PayPal - pending 12/31
- Enter all assigned nfss.org officer emails into new C-panel account - pending activation 1/1/2016

**Band Dept. update:**

- Surveyed Official NFSS FB group Rec'd 30+ positive responses for new Ring Collector product - completed
- Ring collectors ordered - pending payment 1/2016 budget - Netherlands
- E-Z Kits ordered- small 2.0 & medium 3.0 - pending payment 1/2016 - Netherlands
- E-Z Reload Rings (8 colors) ordered - small 2.0 - pending payment 1/2016 - Netherlands
- Band Cutters ordered - pending delivery 1/2016 - AC Hughes - England
- 2016 closed bands received 11/15 - reported inventory to treasury - completed
- Finch Shop Decals & Lapel pins inventory- transfer to Bands Dept (pending)
- Ballot tally reported to Rebecca President - 11/15/15 completed
- Complete end-of-the-year inventory to Lisa (12/24/15 pending)

**Corporate Secretary update:**

- Authorization for Sara Roberts for 3 PayPal accounts - (Membership & Band & Advertising) - completed
- New PayPal accounts - 2 go live with new website-1/1/16 (1-Bands/Finch Shop/Donations, 2-Awards/Affiliations/Advertising) -
- New Bank account - Chase Bank/Oregon - for Treasurer, President and Corporate Secretary
- NFSS registered in Oregon 501(3)(c)

**Membership – Michelle McKenzie**

As of 11/30/2015:

Single-298 Junior-7 foreign-14 dual-34 (68) = 387

**Treasury – Lisa Murphy**

3rd QTR Totals

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>
Bands	1774.53	0
Membership	1336.20	29.90
Advertising	85.00	0
Judge's Panel	9.41	0
Finchshop	25.62	56.43
Affiliations	263.83	0
Awards	179.00	1779.49
Journal	0	2083.27
Misc.	2.80	3647.23 *
FSS	0	0
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Education	0	0
Website	0	128.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3676.39</b>	<b>7725.17</b>

\* amount includes the two (2) \$1500.00 checks sent to open the new bank accounts

7/1/15: 38,285.09  
Income: 3676.39  
Expenses: 7725.17  
9/30/15: 34,236.31

Submitted by:  
Lisa Murphy  
NFSS Treasurer

**NEW BUSINESS**

No committees were formed at this time, so there will be no committee reports. Rebecca Mikel asked to have her report on background checks postponed until the next meeting, as she has not had time to research this topic.

Rebecca Mikel announced that the articles in the journal topic is an information only type topic. She asked that anyone who has not submitted an article for the Meet the BOD slot in the journals that wishes to, to please do so as soon as possible. She also asked for opinions on an idea to include a one page article in each journal about different species of finch. She asked for any volunteers to write such an article to contact her.

Lisa Murphy provided the BOD with a table outlining the projected 2016 budget. She also stated that it does NOT include the sponsoring of any shows. Rebecca Mikel asked that the Finch Shop budget for next year be dropped to \$0 as we will be voting later in this meeting to change the bylaw and close the Finch Shop. Rebecca Mikel asked that the Finch Shop budget for next year be dropped to \$0 as we will be voting later in this meeting to change the bylaw and close the Finch Shop. (Comment: Tabled to next meeting)

After discussion on if sponsoring the ASA and AFA shows would be within the budget and a benefit to the NFSS, Sally Huntington motioned to add \$500 to the budget for the ASA show, and also \$500 for the AFA show. The motion was seconded by Paula Hansen. The motion passed and Rebecca Mikel asked Lisa Murphy to add \$1000 to the proposed budget.

Michelle McKenzie, membership director, reported that no one is purchasing lifetime memberships and proposed that we adjust the price to try to bring sales up. After discussion, Sally Huntington motioned to decrease the lifetime membership price from \$1,500 to \$600. The motion was seconded by Susan Stieve. Motion passed.

Michelle McKenzie asked to make a motion to increase the membership budget by \$150. Lisa Murphy seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Rebecca Mikel asked for a motion to approve the 2016 proposed budget. Motion was made by Javier Perez. Motion was seconded by Paula Hansen. Motion passed.

Rebecca Mikel provided information on the DVD that was sold, but discontinued through the finch shop, but is now password accessible to members on the website and asked if we should continue to leave it only accessible through the website, or if someone would be willing to take on the job of making it available to purchase once again.

Rebecca asked that a motion to approve KJ Brown as an NFSS panel judge. KJ has met all requirements except to have the BOD vote to approve him. Motion was made by Javier Perez. Motion seconded by Susan Stieve. Motion Passed.

Audits of the 2013 financial records of the NFSS were completed by Vince Moase, Julie Lawson, and Rebecca Mikel. The reports for all 3 were presented to the BOD. Two motions were made regarding the 2013 financial records: To approve the audit of the 2013 financial records by Julie Lawson and Vince Moase, which was made by Susan Stieve and seconded by Amber Kincheloe, and to approve Rebecca Mikel's review of the 2013 financial records and audit of 2013 financial records completed by Vince Moase and Julie which was made by Susan Stieve and seconded by Amber Kincheloe. Both Motions carried.

A request was made that leg bands for the new years be released at an earlier date then they are currently being released, which at this time is in the second half of December. After discussion a motion was made by Amber Kincheloe for leg band release date to remain as is. The motion was seconded by Susan Stieve. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Sally Huntington to decrease the price of the dual lifetime membership to \$1100 to match the decrease in price made to the single lifetime membership. Motion seconded by Amber Kincheloe. Motion Passed.

Kelsey Weyland provided the BOD with a revised version of the advertising rates as follows:

Ad Size	One Issue	Full Year
Centerfold	\$210.00	\$1,137.50
Back Cover		
Inside Covers		
Full Page	\$72.50	\$359.50
Half Page	\$50.00	\$249.00
Quarter Page	\$27.50	\$160.50

Paula Hansen made a motion to accept the new advertising rates. Susan Stieve seconded. Motion Passed

A motion was made by Susan Stieve to accept revised minutes, table remaining topics until next meeting, and adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Michelle McKenzie.

**MOTIONS:**

MOTION #	MOTION	BY	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RESULT
2015-20	To add \$500 to the budget for ASA and \$500 to the budget for AFA shows	Sally Huntington	Paula Hansen	Motion Passed
2015-21	To adjust lifetime membership cost from \$1,500 to \$600	Sally Huntington	Susan Stieve	Motion Passed
2015-22	To increase 2015 Membership budget by \$150	Michelle McKenzie	Lisa Murphy	Motion Passed
2015-23	To approve 2016 budget	Javier Perez	Paula Hansen	Motion Passed
2015-24	To approve KJ Brown as an NFSS Panel Judge	Javier Perez	Susan Stieve	Motion Passed
2015-25	To approve the audit of the 2013 financial records by Julie Lawson and Vince Moase	Susan Stieve	Amber Kincheloe	Motion Passed
2015-26	To approve Rebecca Mikel's review of the 2013 financial records and audit of 2013 financial records completed by Vince Moase and Julie Lawson	Susan Stieve	Amber Kincheloe	Motion Passed
2015-27	Motion 2015 - 27 To leave leg band ship dates as it is	Amber Kincheloe	Susan Stieve	Motion Passed
2015-28	To decrease the dual lifetime membership to \$1100	Sally Huntington	Amber Kincheloe	Motion Passed
2015-29	To accept advertising revised rates as submitted	Paula Hansen	Susan Stieve	Motion Passed
2015-30	To accept revised minutes, table remaining topics until next meeting, and adjourn meeting	Susan Stieve	Michelle McKenzie	Motion Passed